

INTIMATIONS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1881.

SIXTH DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at Par at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 1, HONGKONG, on the 1st May, 1886, when the interest thereon will be payable, were this day Drawn in the Office of the said Corporation, in Hongkong, in the presence of Mr. HERBERT MAURICE BEVINS, Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

1086 BONDS, Nos.—

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OLLA PODRIDA.

The latest advices from Berlin state that on the occasion of the departure of the Russian Court for the Crimea, the utmost precautions were taken for the safe journey of the Imperial family, the railway lines being guarded by 100,000 men.

Canadian fauna seen in so much risk of dying out through injudicious sport and the advance of civilization, that is suggested by Toronto naturalists to set apart one of the islands in Lake Superior for the preservation of the most important native animals.

The "Maid of Kent," Miss Heathorn, has just completed her 103rd year, having been baptised in All Saints Church, Maitland, in April, 1783. The venerable lady possesses all her faculties, and on her birthday last week she endorsed a cheque without the aid of spectacles.

Several Russian explorations in Central Asia are sanctioned for the coming summer. Among others Messrs. Ignatoff and Krasnow are to explore the Khan Tegri mountains which are little known. The Khan Tegri mountains are at the little end of the Tien Shan, and are full of glaciers.

The Council of the London Chamber of Commerce offer a prize of £50 for the best essay on the subject of Imperial Federation. The object of the Chamber in offering a prize is to obtain the best essay formulating a practical working plan for the federation of the Colonies and the Mother Country.

At a sale held in Edinburgh on the 29th March two commonplace books containing MSS. of Burns attracted a keen competition. One of the volumes brought 310 guineas, and the other 270 guineas. A Kilmarock edition of Burns' Poems dated 1783, sold for 50 guineas; and an other copy of the poet's works, of which only 50 had been originally printed, realised 27 guineas.

Whatever may be the degree of peril involved in the occupation of dwelling in France, the men here carried on, systematically, in Morice's "Carnet de voyage," the other day, two distinguished residents of the town of Chihuahua satisfied their honour by exchanging 'up' shots. One of them received three wounds, each of them mortal, and the other was killed outright by a shot through the head.

The connection of physiology with politics opens up a new field of inquiry. It is suggested by the communication given by the French Minister for the Colonies, of the importance in Central America of the species "rat" to the health of the human race, and that it is to be found in the dry season, "up to the last degree less every year at the commencement of the dry season." This is a phenomenon which M. Paul Bert may well be asked to investigate when he shall have terminated his mission to Cochinchina.

A correspondent of the Allahabad paper with the Afghan Boundary Commission sends a story which indicates that M. Lesser, the well-known Russian traveller and diplomat, has with a sly sense of humour. It would appear that there was a dearth of light literature in the English camp; and upon this fact having been made known to M. Lesser, he kindly and considerably presented to the Indian officers, with a copy of "The Innocents Abroad!"

Orders were received at Portsmouth on the 26th March directing the completion of the Scout torpedo cruiser and the Colossus, the former to be hastened with all despatch. The Admiralty have issued what are six first-class torpedo boats to be got ready for commission by 1st May; if not, the earliest date on which they can be commissioned is to be reported. The order further states that in future all first-class torpedo boats must be fitted when built, and passed into the first-class reserve.

The most extravagant method of committing suicide that has ever been heard of has just been invented by a French artilleryman stationed at the Fontainebleau Barracks. He charged a big gun with a nitroblastic box containing no less than 123 large bullets; then he elevated the gun so that it should be on a level with his chest, and then by a mechanical arrangement, as discharged it. The experiment was perfectly satisfactory from a scientific point of view, although probably rather costly to the State.

According to the returns of shipping and tonnage which passed through the Suez Canal in 1883, 1884, and 1885, since 1883 there has been an increase in the amount of net tonnage, and from 1884 to 1885 the increase was 45,253 tons, which is to say that the total tonnage of vessels of war, transports, and Government and converted vessels, amounting to 261,126 tons, which in 1884 amounted only to 261,126 tons. Taking the four principal lines engaged, in 1885 the percentage of Great Britain was 76.77 of the total net tonnage, that of France was 9.05 per cent, of Holland 3.98 per cent, and of Germany 3.14 per cent.

This story comes from a school in the Middle Ages. The master of the boys of the third class to write a short history of Columbus. The following was sent in by an anonymous essayist.—"Columbus was a man who could make an egg stand on end without breaking it. The King of Spain said to Columbus, 'Can you discover America?' 'Yes' said Columbus, 'if you will give me a ship.' 'Yes' said Columbus, 'he had a ship, and sailed over the sea in the direction where he thought America ought to be found. The sailors quavered, and said that they believed there was no such place. But Columbus said to them, 'I will give you a ship, and I will go to America.' Then he said to them, 'Columbus, I am here.' Then that is America,' said Columbus. When the ship got near the land was full of black men. Columbus said, 'This is America?' 'Yes, it is,' said they. Then he said, 'I suppose you are the Negroes?' 'Yes, they said; 'we are.' The chief said, 'I suppose you are Columbus.' 'You are right,' said he. Then the chief turned to his men and said, 'There is no need for it; we are discovered at last.'

The Rev. Henry Savory writes from Holme Pierrepont Rectory, Nottingham, March 11:—"This severe weather is fatal to the old. This morning there passed away Knightley Smith, 82, a man who had had a long life, and had numbered 103 summers. Retaining his faculties to the last, he took to his bed a week or more ago, not so much on account of growing infirmities as to escape the severe cold. He was full of anecdotes to the last, and would brighten up upon any allusion to former scenes in which he was mostly conspicuous for feats of herculean strength. Though below the standard of height considerably, his chief characteristic was an enormous appetite. He could easily weigh from which the strongest and most powerful man was generally accounted the most powerful man among his contemporaries." There has just passed away at Belfast, Charles Rivers, a Waterloo veteran, in his 102nd year. Deceased had the honour of being orderly sergeant to Lord Wellington, was present at Salamanca, Orthez, and Vitoria, took part in the famous march over the Pyrenees, and subsequently fought at Waterloo and Quatre Bras. At Lisieux he was wounded both in the knee and breast.

The marriage of M. de la Gouard, the daughter of the composer, with Baron de Lassus took place on the 25th March, in the Church of St. Francois de Sales, Paris. Before the Mass Gouard's Pontifical March was sounded, all the music of the Mass being selected from his composition. The Mass was conducted by M. Faure. Unfortunately (says the *Daily Telegraph*) the ceremony was marred by a very unpleasant incident. It appears that M. Gouard had, unknown to the choir-master, M. Andan, asked M. Talace to sing in the Mass. When they arrived, M. Andan refused to admit them within the choir, on the plea that he had already asked M. Gouard to sing. An altercation took place during which M. Gouard came up and declared that it was he who invited M. Talace and M. Gouard to sing. His remonstrances, however, were of no avail. M. Andan held his ground, and at length an unusually scuffle occurred, young M. Gouard being pushed aside by the beadle, while M. Talace, who had also been roughly treated, broke the door. The whole congregation, and one of the officials who had come to the church, were greatly excited, and one of the officials who had come to the church, was greatly excited.

For the Sugar Cultivation Company—T. B. 18 per cent. premium.

For the China Banking Company—T. B. 18 per cent. premium.

For the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sellers.

For the China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—1 per cent. premium, nominal.

For the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$3 per share.

For the China Gas Company's Shares—\$120 per share, buyers.

For the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$410 per share, sellers.

For the China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$87 per share, buyers.

For the China General Insurance Company's Shares—\$76 per share, sellers.

For the North China Insurance—The 300 per share, Yantze Insurance Association—The 115 per share.

For the Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$170 per share.

For the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.

For the Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$83 per share, buyers.

For the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$410 per share, sellers.

For the China General Insurance Company's Shares—\$76 per share, sellers.

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For the China Imperial Loan of 1884 A—2 per cent. premium.

For the China Imperial Loan of 1884 B—5 per cent. premium.

For the China Imperial Loan of 1884 C—6 per cent. premium.

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